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April 14, 2003 LB 149, 529

Initial? Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1272.) 20 ayes, 19 mays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance LB 529 to E & R Initial was not successful. I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, next legislative bill, when you have time.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill, LB 149, a bill by the Retirement...I'm sorry. It's a bill by the Retirement Systems Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to the Retirement Systems Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Stuhr, as chairperson of that committee, you're recognized to open on advancement of LB 149.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr President and members of the body. LB 149 was heard in committee on February 12, and there were no opponents testifying only, and one in a neutral capacity. LB 149 is a technical bill dealing with the Nebraska Investment Council. It was heard by the Retirement Committee and advanced to General File unanimously, with one minor committee amendment attached. And I will briefly summarize the bill, and then address the amendment. Several years ago, adopted the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act, changing the manner in which assets are pooled and invested. As a result of that act, a number of statutes which deal with reporting and other prepooling responsibilities are no longer appropriate. So this merely cleans up those statutes to reflect actual procedures as set forth under the Capital Expansion Act. Section 4 of the bill, it adds the Auditor and DAS to the list who will receive monthly reports of investments. And what the committee does is merely add also the State Treasurer, who will be notified monthly as to the earned income from the pooled investment. I'd be happy to answer any questions, and would urge your support for the bill, and also the amendment.